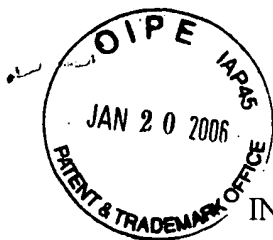


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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 20, 2005.
The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claim 1, drawn to protein.
Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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